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Yours, Most Respectfully, J. GOLDSTEIN, Water Street, Decatur, Ill.

ONE OF THE CAUSES OF HARD TIMES.

If the time ever comes when an American pays cash down for what he gets, there is a certain Detroit blacksmith who wants to be alive and see the phenomenon. His business history is, perhaps, the business history of hundreds of others. He rents the shop. The landlord wants his rent the day it is due. He has to pay cash down for his iron, his coal, and whatever else he has in his shop. Up to a day or two ago, he ran three forges. His men have families, and must have their wages every Saturday. The patronage of the shop is what is called "first class," that is, men of wealth send their horses there to be shod, and their vehicles there to be repaired. Pass the shop any day and you will see from four to a dozen vehicles there to be overhauled, and the shoeing shop full of horses. The income is often \$200 per week. Not one patron out of a dozen has paid cash down for his work. They have sent it there without the least idea of paying anything until the bill was sent in. Along about Friday, the blacksmith gets into a buggy and drives around to collect. He has accounts footing up two, three or four thousand dollars, some of them a year old, all against "good men," as the phrase goes, and the amounts ranging from seventy-five cents to thirty-five dollars. He calls on A, and A takes the bill, looks it over and says: "Come in again," or "I can't pay it to-day," or he has some other excuse. He may have had his horses shod three months before. He knows that the smith has to keep up his rent, pay his men and put down cash for stock. The smith is poor while he is rich, yet he hands back the bill without thought or care of how the smith is to get along. B does the same. C is not in. D is off on a trip, and E, perhaps, pays a little on the bill and says: "Come on the first of the month."

This particular blacksmith carried around with him last Friday and Saturday over \$3,000 worth of accounts called on forty-seven "good men," yet did not collect one shilling. He had to pay that week \$120 for rent, stock and labor, and was thus \$120 worse off than the week before. When asked why he did not insist on cash down, he answered: "Let me make such a rule and my shop would be deserted. Men worth \$100,000 would take it as an insult; yet here is a bill of four dollars against a man worth twice \$100,000, which he has avoided paying for the last six months."

The other day one large forge was hauled off. Thirteen vehicles, needing repairs, stood at the door, but one of the workmen was allowed to go because money to pay him could not be raised. On the accounts representing \$3,000, the smith had paid over \$2,000 for labor, stock and so forth. Each debtor is supposed to be worth at least \$5,000, and some are known to be worth \$300,000, but the accounts can be bought for fifty cents on the dollar.

There is a general cry that business is flat, and men are wondering when it will revive. Perhaps the way to revive business is for men to pay their debts. Perhaps a still better way would be to pay cash down. Firms representing from \$10,000 to \$100,000 capital can "carry" a few debtors, but the 500 small concerns who have to turn their capital over each week must have ready pay or go under. People who can pay, shirk payment. They will carry full wallets, rush their work in ahead of all others, demand the very best, and yet "throw" a bill of twelve shillings until the creditor gets discouraged and cancels the amount.

TO THE SUFFERING.

Pains in Back, Head, Heart, Lungs, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lambo, Sciatica, Rheumatic Gout, Nervous and Kidney Diseases, positively cured by Dr. FLETCHER'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY, Kidney Purifier and Vegetable Liver Pills. Physician's specialty 43 years. Never fails when taken as directed. Nov. 22, 1876--dly.

To remove rust from steel, cover the metal with sweet oil well rubbed in, 48 hours after rub with finely pulverized unslacked lime.

How to Tell Genuine Florida Water.

The true Florida Water always comes with a little pamphlet wrapped around each bottle, and in the paper of this pamphlet are the words, "Lanman & Kemp, New York, water marked, or stamped in pale transparent letters. Hold a leaf up to the light, and if genuine, you will see the above words. Do not buy if the words are not there, because it is not the real article. The water mark letters may be very pale, but by looking closely against the light, you cannot fail to see them."

Plastering and Cementing.--D. B. Kaufman hereby announces that during the winter he will attend promptly to all orders for repairing of house plastering and cementing cisterns. All work done in a thorough manner, and satisfaction guaranteed. [Nov. 23--dly]

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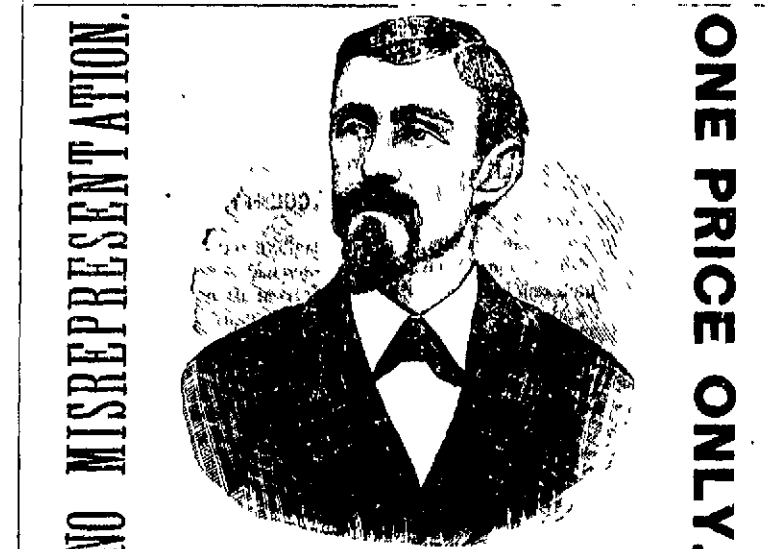
6,000 FEET ABOVE THE SEA. The following testimonials are from Messrs. J. D. Deane & Co., Denver, Col., large and influential druggists. They possess unimpeachable moral and universal satisfaction. No other remedy has so successfully and so quickly relieved the sufferer from this disease. They speak of the following gentlemen as among their best customers.

SOVEREIGNLY AFFLICTED. J. D. Deane & Co., Denver, Col., Gentlemen:--I have been suffering from Catarrh of the Bladder for a long time, and have tried many remedies without avail, until I bought a bottle of the above RADICAL CURE, which I used as directed, and in a few days I was completely cured. I have since used it several times, and it has always given me the same relief. I am confident that this remedy will do all that is claimed for it, and I heartily recommend it to all who are afflicted with this disease. Very truly yours, WM. AMERY, Denver, Sept. 21, 1876. With Deane, Bliss & Co.

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At "Cheap Charley's" at 35 percent below any regular retail prices. The reason you can buy of "Cheap Charley" at such low figures, is because he manufactures and SELLS ONLY CLOTHING OF HIS OWN MANUFACTURE.

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LETTER FROM CHICAGO.

I believe it is safe to say that one-third of the casual conversation of mankind is devoted to weather prognostications. On the streets, in the cars, in the hotels and everywhere for two weeks past the very cry has been the weather, such wretched weather, such muddy streets, rain, rain, rain! To-day it's changed. The wind is blowing a regular "northwest" and the air is filled with snow that is driven children and yonder. The streets that only yesterday were of the consistency of oil are frozen solid, and pedestrians trip along dry shod. It is uncomfortably cold and yet the cold brings with it, in contrast with the drizzle and rain and mud and cold, the lake vessels are now nearly all tied up for the winter. Their sailboats stretch forth their bare arms for miles along the river and harbor presenting the appearance of a Michigan forest after a fire. Shipping by the lakes is now about closed until next spring and the managers of the eastern lines of railway are having their joint meetings to "adjust" rates for freight. They claim that it is necessary to advance tariffs for freight as winter closes in, because it is more expensive to operate the roads in winter. So it is, but the true secret is that the lake competition is stopped. A meeting of railway managers was held last night at the Grand Pacific to take action in reference to the Washish line "cutting on the rates." It seems that the Washish folks refuse to go into the ring.

MUSICAL.

The largest audience that has been called together for some time in this city was that the Cary-Kellogg combination last evening. There were at least 7,000 present notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. To those who understand and appreciate good music it was said to be a rare treat to listen to these world renowned vocalists.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and with it thousands of turkeys have been offered up as a sacrifice to the gods of good cheer. Why is it that thanksgiving and turkey are indissolubly linked together? Why not associate with the former some other fowl, fish or game? Perhaps custom alone can answer, custom whose laws are as inexorable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. It is safe to say that those who did not feast on turkey on thanksgiving day by reason of poverty or otherwise have some misgivings as to a faithful compliance with the mandates of the executive, federal and state. The day set apart for thanksgiving was almost universally recognized in this city. Business was almost wholly suspended and the streets were more silent than on Sunday. Restaurants and beer saloons were the only places kept open, yet there was but little intoxication to be seen. In a three hours stroll along the principal streets we observed but one intoxicated person, and he in crossing the street, sat down on the frozen ground as suddenly and with force sufficient to enable him to remember thanksgiving many days hence. Union services were held in many of the churches, and

PROFESSOR SWING.

anticipated the event by preaching his thanksgiving sermon on Sunday last. This was done by reason of his not having the use of McVicker's theatre, in which his congregation meets on week days. There seems to be no waiting in the professor's popularity. His congregation seems to be increasing rather than diminishing. The immense theatre is filled to overflowing every Sunday. Booth, with his world wide reputation, when playing in the same theatre, a few evenings since, drew no larger houses. The secret of Swing's success as a popular preacher can not be fully explained. His reputation is partly owing to his famous theological contest with Prof. Patton. It is more largely attributable, however, to the course he pursued which brought about that contest. An analysis of Swing is difficult. To describe what he is not is more easily done. He is not an orator in the sense in which that term is used by the world. He has not that blipant style that sets the giddy to giggling. He has no catch-penny make shifts to attract attention and cause a ripple of mirth. He has no tinsel oratorical gergaws to bring out ever and anon along the pathway of his discourse to allure the hearer into the belief that he is what he is not. He does not say it is as hot as hell in quotation marks in order to say what he has to say on swearing. He sandwiches no slang phrases of the street in between his remarks upon holy subjects. But of the professor.

MORE AMON.

FAIR AND FESTIVAL.—The young ladies of the Presbyterian church and congregation will give a fair and festival at the opera house on the evening of Friday, December 21st, on which occasion they will have for sale an extensive variety of fancy articles, both useful and ornamental, and a very beautiful doll will be sold at auction, if not otherwise disposed of. A superb supper will also be served. There will also be the usual table refreshments of all varieties. All are invited, and no pains will be spared to furnish an entertainment that no one can fail to enjoy. Come all, and pass an evening pleasantly.

For a Christmas present get a pair of those fine slippers, at Harber & Baker's Dec. 2-d&wt

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

(Written for CONTEMPORARIES: All subject matter intended for this column should be addressed to E. C. Brown or Miss M. P. Patton, care of the Editor, Blue Mountain, Ill.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

(Several answers to queries have been lost by fire and have not been received. All matter for this department should be addressed to the Editor.)

8. Will some one please inform us of a good work on school catfishes?

9. With one of the answers to No. 7 comes this: "One good turn deserves another. Will 'Pedagogue' please answer the following: What do you do for the 'big boys and girls' when they are severely attacked by 'puppy love'?"

ANSWERS.

1. In answer to the question "is the expression 'grammatical mistakes' correct?" I should say yes, mistakes in grammar are undoubtedly grammatical mistakes.

2. A's pork being worth 4¢ more per lb. than B's, the 50 lb. would make a difference of 20¢, deducting this amount from \$8, leaves \$7.80, of which sum each pays equally per pound, B taking 30 lb., pays 30 x 80¢ of \$7.80, or \$2.34. A, taking 20 lb., pays 20 x 80¢ of \$7.80, or \$1.56, to which add the 25¢ (difference made by paying 4¢ more per lb. than B), and we have \$1.81. Therefore A pays \$5.00, or 10 x 11-10¢ per lb., and B pays \$2.34, or 11-10¢ per lb.

3. Similar solutions and the same answers have been received from Sullivan Burgess, W. M. Henry, Fustly Reform Club, and M. P. P.

S. S. M.

A SUMMARY OF SCHOOL RULES.

The following practical suggestions to the teachers of Chicago are clipped from Duane Doty's circular as Superintendent of the Garden City Schools. We suggest the practical application to teachers everywhere.—[E.]

A TEACHER'S DUTY TO SCHOOL PROPERTY.

1. To make your school room a pleasant and attractive place for children, ornament it, when possible, with pictures.

2. To take good care of all books, maps, charts, blases, keys and other school property entrusted to your care.

3. To inspect daily the stores, desks and other school property as to their de-facement.

TO PUPILS.

4. To know that the best school-teaching is always associated with the best school government, and that good school government consists in having each pupil attend quietly and faithfully to his own business, at his own desk, which is his place of business.

5. To know that a pupil's true education is a growth consequent upon the proper exercise of his faculties.

6. To make yourself acquainted with the home influences affecting your pupils.

7. To inspire your pupils with enthusiasm in the pursuit of knowledge, and to implant in them aspirations for all attainable excellence.

8. To keep your pupils busy with school work, and to work your classes upon the prescribed course of study.

9. To attend to the proper position of pupils when sitting, standing or moving in the school room.

10. To teach your pupils how to study.

11. To talk in a natural tone of voice.

12. To commend pupils for earnest work.

13. To teach the ways of industry, order, system, promptness and punctuality, and the attention to business and the value of time and its improvement.

14. To teach the ways of getting knowledge and the reasons for and value of good school order.

15. To remember that children are children, and need assistance in many ways, but that the most valuable work for a pupil is that which he does for himself.

16. To be ever thoughtful of the future of the pupil, and to make all school work and discipline such as will be of lasting service to them.

The following official letter which has been put into our hands by Mr. S. P. Nickey, late county superintendent, will be of interest both to teachers and school officers.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 20, 1877.

S. P. NICKEY, Oakley, Marion county, Ill.

DEAR SIR:—Cours of the 14th is at hand. The law provides for two classes of teachers' certificates—the first grade for two years, and the second grade for one year. I can nowhere find authority for the extension of either of these, except upon the endorsement of the county superintendent. It has been held by some that a contract made under a certificate that expires before the contract does, is good for the time of the contract. I can find no authority for this; but, on the contrary, I believe the contract depends upon the certificate, and not the certificate upon the contract. If there are teachers teaching without valid certificates you should notify the treasurer that he cannot legally pay the order for such teachers' wages, also, notify the directors that they cannot legally certify to the schedules made by them.

Yours Truly, S. M. ETTEN,

Supt. Public Instruction.

(Paper read at the city teachers' meeting, Decatur, Nov. 24, 1877.)

THE BEST METHOD OF TEACHING PRIMER SPELLING.—I am fulfilling the "letter of the law" laid down by our worthy superintendent, when I take this for the subject of my remarks.

In order to master the spelling lesson, the child must first associate the form of the words with their sound.

My plan is to print and write the lesson upon the blackboard, and have the children carefully spell each word.

Before studying it they are required to write it upon their slates.

In reciting the impression of sound is to be united to what sight is supposed to have already grasped.

Written spelling may supplement the oral work very early in the course, but

should never supplant it in the primary grade.

Lastly, the great essential in this, as in many other things, is constant drill.

"Line upon line, here a little, and there a great deal," are needed to make any method of teaching spelling a success.

Among incentives to be presented to children, I think those of "taking places," and "leaving off at the head," still rank foremost.

The objection, that these cause confusion, sinks into insignificance when met by the argument of a row of eager faces, that lighten with interest or lower with sympathy, at the success or failure of an aspirant for orthographic honors.

Miss Inez Brunton has resigned her position in the schools of Decatur, and returned to Centuria. Miss Almira A. Smith has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

MACON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

Court convened 8 o'clock.

Cases received attention as follows:

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Lemon & Barrack vs. Robert A. Campbell; chancery. Leave granted to amend return.

Elizabeth Brisby et al vs. Geo. F. Westcott; foreclosure. Death of E. Brisby suggested.

Jane McGuillan vs. Joseph Thompson et al; petition for dower. Wm. Hutchinson appointed guardian ad litem for minors.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

J. H. Ayton vs. A. Stennett; distress for rent. Default taken, court to assess damages.

Thomas Lowe and Daniel Boyer vs. Albert Barr; distress for rent. Proof of publication made; defendant ordered to plead by first Friday.

Frank Bowman vs. Joseph Spangler; appeal. Motion to file additional security allowed.

J. S. Shillabarger & Co vs. B. F. Stephens et al. Defendants defaulted, and court assessed damages at \$44.70.

Wm. Cantrill vs. A. A. Smith, G. Henry and J. N. Odor, assumpsit. Motion for leave to answer precept, and summons allowed on payment of one-fifth cost.

W. W. R. Smith vs. F. C. Caldwell, trespass on the case. Motion by defendant to quash return to writ.

Frederick Matthes vs. Mary J. Gray; assumpsit. Motion to strike plaintiff's affidavit of merits from file denied.

Henry Blenz vs. Wm. S. Montland et al; ejectment. Continued.

The People of the State of Illinois use of Mary Dunn vs. Henry Churchman et al; debt. Dismissed by plaintiff at cost of Mary Dunn.

PRESS OPINIONS.

Pittsburg Chronicle.

"The Democrats, in a sneering way, affect to be surprised at the re-appearance of Wheeler on the surface again. In passing, it may be remarked that if Mr. Wheeler was submerged any length of time, he shows that he improved it by bringing back with him a spinal column sufficient to carry a whale."

National Republican.

The Raleigh (N. C.) Observer has ceased to characterize Senator Patterson as a "carpet bagger" since he has made himself serviceable to its political purposes. It is so also with a colored citizen. When he votes the Democratic ticket he ceases to look like a "nigger" to the Bourbon eye.

Chicago Tribune.

"The President himself will admit that he has made some mistakes in his appointments. In the matter of the marshaling of Georgia, the almost universal opinion among Republicans will be that he has 'blundered' and that probably not one Republican in a million will indorse the appointment of Fitzsimmons."

Garfield Letter.

I have been looking to see what David Davis will do with his belly.—Now I see! He lifts up one leg on a sofa, lifts half of the belly over on that leg, keeps the other foot on the floor and beautifully reads a newspaper.—They temper the lamb to the shorn wind.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

It is suggested that Stanley Matthews is the man who counsels Hayes to deal gently with the extreme radicals. It is like taking a cold shower-bath for Stanley to get into a fuss, but after he is once in it grows warm fast.

New York Mail.

The constitution says that in all cases where there is a tie in the Senate, the Vice-President shall give the casting vote. The Democratic newspapers say he shall not. That settles it. We pity the poor constitution.

Nashville American.

Mr. John McCullough, who called recently on President Hayes, declares that he has a remarkably thorough acquaintance with Shakespeare's works.—Then what does he think of 'Love's Labor Lost' about this time?

Hartington Hawkeye.

While Mr. Hayes is so recklessly giving offices to Democrats for the purpose of conciliation, he ought to appoint Mr. Tilden to the presidency.

Lafayette Journal, 3d.

Yesterday was the eighteenth anniversary of the hanging of John Brown at Charleston, Virginia. It may be that he did not die in vain; but it begins to look very much like it.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Four years from to-day General Grant will send his ninth annual message to Congress. This information is given to our readers in strict confidence.

Vicksburg Commercial.

Senator David Davis, of Illinois, is an independent, so called, but he evidently has his eye fixed on a Democratic nomination about 1880.

TELEGRAPHIC.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 4.—Mr. Bond, of the firm of Bond & Allard, returned to-day from Pittsburg, Penn., where he has been in pursuit of R. A. Paleomer, the absconding agent of this firm, from Decatur, Ill. Mr. Bond estimates his loss at \$3,500, perhaps more, when the accounts are fully examined, and he reports the First National Bank of Lincoln, Ill., interested in his capture to the extent of \$3,700 for forged paper negotiated with them. Paleomer is charged with forgery, embezzlement and swindling, and is described as a broad-shouldered man, five feet nine inches in height, weight 170 or 180, hair, black, front teeth missing, and with a slight hesitation in his speech, ruddy complexion and heavy mustache. Age, 28. It is believed his hand will not fall far short of \$10,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—At a Cabinet council to-day, all the members were present. The subjects were—unconfirmed nominations, appointments to offices left vacant by the non-action of the Senate, and other matters relating directly to these topics. The indications favor the sending of several new nominations to the Senate on Thursday. The failure to confirm new appointments is a source of much trouble, for under the law the suspended functionaries must resume and continue to administer the affairs or their respective offices, some of them serving who are not under bonds at all.

Among subjects that received special attention was that of several nominations to postoffice. Some time ago the Postoffice officials reviewed the bonds given by postmasters throughout the country, and it was found that quite a number were under insufficient bonds. These officials were ordered to file new bonds, but many of them could not find bondsmen in the communities in which their duties lay. They were consequently suspended and new nominations made of men who furnished the required bond.

GALESBURG, ILL., Dec. 4.—One night, about twelve or thirteen years ago Daniel Hertler, a wealthy man and respectable citizen, was murdered in his own home near Springfield, O., by a burglar. The event occasioned great excitement, and for a time the affair was shrouded in mystery. At length suspicion attached to a young man named Charley Scott, who had been hanging round Springfield for some time prior to the murder. He was arrested, but the proof not being sufficient to hold him, he was liberated. Several weeks elapsed, when a prostitute with whom Scott had been living, gave the authorities information which led to his arrest a second time. The evidence of his guilt adduced on his preliminary examination was overwhelming, and Scott was accordingly committed to jail and subsequently indicted in connection with other parties for the murder. Before the time set for his trial Scott broke jail and escaped, and although the most energetic efforts were made to effect a recapture they all proved unavailing.

As Randle now confesses his real name is Charles C. Scott, the inquiry naturally arises whether he may not be the same Charley Scott who murdered Hertler. Another circumstance which confirms this belief is that Scott, at the time of his arrest in Ohio had a lot of Dental tools in his possession, and according to his own admissions now, he has in former years practiced dentistry.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The contest in the Vanderbilt will case was resumed this morning. Counsel for contestants claimed that the Commodore was, in many respects, a monomaniac, having power to acquire but not to transmit. For years before making his will he suffered extreme anguish from his many chronic disorders, which affected his mind. He suffered under a mania and delusion, and was liable to be unduly influenced. He might be mentally strong in one direction and perfectly imbecile in others. They would not show that the Commodore was suffering under two diseases, which has a tendency to weaken and destroy his mind.

Counsel for the defense said that not a single iota of proof has been given establishing insanity or even a trace of insanity.

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Children's Overcoats, cheap, at B. Stines. Jnov&f

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The Daily Republican.

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Washington Hawk-eye

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